Amendments to the Claims:

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No amendments have been made to the claims as part of this response. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) In a system having at least one application, a method for executing a search from within an application, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting one or more search terms within a first application at a computer;

activating the one or more search terms within the first application;

performing a search based on the one or more search terms with a second application at the computer such that the computer remains in a context of the first application and does not display the second application to a user; and

returning search results to the first application, wherein returning search results generated by the second application to the first application further comprises at least one of:

copying at least a portion of the search results into the first application;

pasting at least a portion of the search results into the first application;

deleting a portion of the search results;

saving at least a portion of the search results; and

displaying search results when a mouse arrow is moved over the selected search data in the first application.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the first application is selected from the group of: word processor; spreadsheet, database, image processor; web browser; text recognition; email client, and operating system.

3. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the step of selecting further comprises the step of automatically selecting the one or more search terms pursuant to pre-defined rules.

4. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of configuring the search.

5. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of searching according to a context of the one or more search terms.

6. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the search results.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of presenting the search results to the user without the user having to exit the first application.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the search is performed without the user having to exit the first application.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of the manipulating, by a user, the search results within the first application.

10. (Original) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 1.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 14, wherein the search data comprises at least one of: text; a remote file; an image; a sound file, an MPEG file; and metadata.

13. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 14, wherein the step of activating further comprises the step of configuring the search by selecting at least one search location.

14. (Previously Presented) In a computer system connected to a network, a method for performing a search over the network, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting search data within a first application in the computer system;

activating the search data within the first application;

performing a search on the search data in the background with a second application such that a user is not required to open the second application or view a window of the second application;

returning search results generated by the second application to the user within the first application, wherein the user views the search results within the first application, and wherein returning search results generated by the second

application to the user within the first application further comprises at least one of:

copying at least a portion of the search results into the first application;

pasting at least a portion of the search results into the first application;

deleting at least a portion of the search results;

saving at least a portion of the search results; and

displaying the search results when a user moves a mouse arrow over the selected search data in the first application.

15. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 14.

16. (Previously Presented) In a computer system having access to one or more applications, the computer system connected to a network, a method for searching over the network, the method comprising the steps of:

within an application, previewing data that has not been selected by a user within at least one application;

selecting a portion of the previewed data as search terms without user input;

performing a search without user input, wherein the search is based on the portion of the previewed data; and

caching search results from the search, wherein the search results are readily available to a user.

17. (Original) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 16.

18. (Previously Presented) In a computer system that includes one or more applications that can each be activated by a user, a method for performing a search from within an application without requiring the user to open a browser application, the method comprising:

selecting search data within a context of a first application at a computer, wherein the first application is not a browser application;

searching a network using a second application based on the selected search data, wherein the second application ~~is~~ operates in a background and is not displayed to the user, wherein the computer keeps a user in a context of the first application; and

presenting search results to the user within the context of the first application, wherein presenting the search results to the user further comprises at least one of:

copying at least a portion of the search results into the first application;

pasting at least a portion of the search results into the first application;

deleting at least a portion of the search results;

saving at least a portion of the search results; and

displaying the search results when a user moves a mouse arrow over the previewed data in the first application.

19. (Previously Presented) In a computer system that includes applications that can be activated by a user, a method for performing a search from within a non-browsing application, the method comprising:

identifying search data that has been selected in a non-browsing application, the search data including text;

activating the search data by providing the selected search data to a browsing application, wherein the browsing application performs a search on a computer network using the search data and wherein the browsing application is not displayed to a user;

receiving search results from the browsing application; and

presenting the search results in a context of the non-browsing application such that the user is not required to switch from the browsing application to the non-browsing application; wherein presenting the search results further comprises at least one of:

copying at least a portion of the search results into the non-browsing application;

pasting at least a portion of the search results into the non-browsing application;

deleting at least a portion of the search results;

saving at least a portion of the search results; and

displaying the search results when a user moves a mouse arrow over the previewed data in the non-browsing application.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein a limit is placed on the number of search results to be returned.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 16, wherein the first application is selected from the group of: word processor; spreadsheet, database, image processor; web browser; text recognition; email client, and operating system.